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APPLY NOW FOR US DOE INDUSTRIAL ENERGY SAVING ASSESSMENTS

Large industrial consumers of natural gas (usually in the steam-or process-heating area) have until December 9, 2005 to apply for an Energy Saving Assessments (ESA) as part of DOE's Industrial Technologies Program (ITP) – Save Energy Now Initiative. The short on-line application and more information can be found at http://www.eere.energy.gov/industry/saveenergynow/assessments.html.

The Save Energy Now Initiative targets 200 of the largest energy-using plants in the nation. Those who have energy bills in excess of \$2 million or use more than one trillion BTUs of natural gas are encouraged to apply for the energy saving assessments. Meanwhile, Industrial Assessment Centers that target 500 facilities in the small to medium energy use range and larger plants that applied but were not selected for an ESA will conduct ESAs.

Energy Savings Assessments will focus on either the plant's steam-or-process heating system. The ESAs target these systems because they account for more than 65% of the total energy and about 85% of all natural gas used by U.S. industrial consumers of natural gas.

Industry professionals who have technical expertise in the specific energy system and have passed a rigorous exam in the use of ITP BestPractises software tools will conduct these assessments. Their technical expertise, combined with indepth knowledge of DOE tools, make these experts valuable resources for manufacturers seeking to identify low-cost ways to improve efficiency in systems that are fueled with natural gas.

Take advantage of this opportunity to save energy and improve your bottom line by <u>applying</u> for an Energy Savings Assessment.

The State Energy Program provides energy information, program support and access to federal funding for energy efficiency, energy conservation and renewable energy initiatives in Utah.

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